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1. CURRENT TRAVEL PLANS CALL FOR DELEGATION OF UNIVERSITY PRESIDENTS TO TRAVEL SEPARATELY TO JAPAN AND MEET IN TOKYO BY NOVEMBER 7 AT LATEST. GROUP WILL STAY AT OKURA HOTEL. DELEGATION WILL TRAVEL TO PRC ON NOVEMBER 8 ON CAAC FLIGHT 924 LEAVING TOKYO 1515 HOURS AND ARRIVING PEKING 2130 HOURS ALL LOCAL TIME. NO CHANGES IN COMPOSITION OF DELEGATION.

2. DELEGATION MEMBERS HAVE EXPRESSED TO NATIONAL COMMITTEE THEIR CONCERN THAT STATUS OF USLO ESCORT MAY CREATE PRO-TOCOL PROBLEM AND PARTICULARLY THAT "NON-PROFESSIONAL MEMBER OF DELEGATION" MIGHT "PREEMPT THE PLACE OF A UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT" AT SOME FUNCTIONS. DELEGATES HAVE ALSO ASKED WHETHER USLO ESCORT WILL ACCOMPANY DELEGATION ON ALL VISITS SCHEDULED FOR PEKING AREA, SINCE THEY FEEL THERE MAY BE SOME SESSIONS AT WHICH PRESENCE OF USLO OFFICIAL COULD INHIBIT CANDOR OF CHINESE RESPONSES AND
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3. WE HAVE ASSURED NATIONAL COMMITTEE THAT THESE TWO MATTERS WILL NOT POSE ANY PROBLEMS BUT WANT USLO TO KNOW OF DELEGATION'S TOUCHINESS. INGERSOLL

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